

I was shocked to learn that Sinclair Broadcasting Group is ordering their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. It is said to be scheduled as "news" rather than political propaganda, and since their stations reach approximately 25% of television viewers in the country, this is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line/political advantage and less of what we need for our democracy. It is shameful at best, and reminiscent of the Nazi propaganda machine in Germany during the 1930s and early '40s at worse.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. I trust you will take this unAmerican attitude on Sinclair's part when it comes time to review their license.

Thank you.